(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for which Government have to come out with this idea?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In order to prevent transmission of HIV from an infected mother to her child, Government of India is in the process of up-scaling Prevention of Parent to Child Transmission (PPTCT) programme. The programme has already covered 224 medical colleges/district hospitals particularly in six high prevalence States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Nagaland and Tamil Nadu. The programme provides a package of voluntary counselling and testing for HIV, primary prevention, counselling on infant feeding and Nevirapine prophylaxis to reduce the incidence of HIV among infants of HIV positive mothers.

Mortuaries in Government Hospitals

1554. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a report filed by a forensic science expert it has transpired that most mortuaries in the capital's Government hospitals are ill equipped to conduct an autospy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for such dismal functioning; and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

AIDS cases

1555. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of AIDS cases reported, State-wise, during this year;

(b) the steps being taken to eradicate this deadly disease;